

MEMORIALABILIA

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SUPREME COURT "ON THE ROAD"

On October 21st, the NH Supreme Court heard two cases in the Mirabile Auditorium where Memorial students were joined by young people from across the state.

A week prior to the Supreme Court visit, Attorney General Michael Delaney came to debrief students on the cases. Four selected classes attended, including two Street Law classes, a Law and Ethics class and AP US History.

SAP PROGRAM NEWS

The Student Assistance Program is available for all students at Manchester Memorial High School. The purpose of the program is to identify and help students who may be experiencing personal, family, or alcohol/drug related problems that may be affecting their ability to perform at school.

Students may participate in the Student Assistance Program and all services are confidential and voluntary. For more information about the Student Assistance Program contact Bridget Parece-Grogan.

UPCOMING ACT'S & SAT'S

The SAT's and ACT's are frequently offered at Memorial and are a requirement for admission to most colleges. The SATs are offered on 12/5, 1/23, 3/13, 5/1 and 6/5. Students should register online at www.collegeboard.com.

Upcoming ACT tests are 12/12, 2/6, 4/10 and 6/12. Students may sign up online at www.act.org or see a guidance counselor for an application. For more information students can see their guidance counselor.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

The National Honor Society (NHS), with the help of the Red Cross, hosted a blood drive on October 26th in the Bronstein gymnasium.

Also, the NHS Faculty Council is currently in the process of evaluating potential candidates to be inducted into the organization. The induction ceremony will take place on December 3rd in the Mirabile Auditorium at 7:00 PM. Members will be collecting used cell phones and their attachments to help the elderly and women in crisis. Donations may be left in a designated box in the library media center.

DECA NEWS

The Memorial DECA Chapter is looking forward to a great year. The members will be attending three events this year as well as competing at the DECA Career and Development Con-

ference with some of the following projects: Helping Hearts, the Jimmy Fund, Lazy Lattes and two fashion merchandising campaigns. DECA is very excited to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Memorial and wants to incorporate this milestone in many of its activities this year.

UPCOMING GUIDANCE ACTIVITIES

The MMHS Guidance Department will be offering various presentations in the coming months. On November 12th, a presentation will be given in each English 1 class.

On November 19th, a student athlete workshop for juniors and seniors will inform students of critical information regarding the rules surrounding college athletics.

On November 24th, Financial Aid Night will be held in the auditorium from 6:30 - 9:00 PM. During this evening presentation, seniors and their parents will be educated on the procedures for filling out required financial aid forms.

On December 8th, a college prep program for juniors in the auditorium will take place.

SCRAPBOOKING CLUB IS UP AND RUNNING

The Memorial Scrapbook Club is up and running, holding meetings every other Thursday in RM 302. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings where students and teachers work on paper crafting projects. The officers include Lindsay Wilson ('11), President, Kaitlyn Foster ('11), Vice President and Melissa Sliwerski ('11), Treasurer.

SCHOOL NURSE INFO

The school nurses would like all members of the Memorial community to be aware that flu season is upon us. Students with a fever over 100.0 degrees should not attend school until they are fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication. It is important for them to stay home from school, rest and drink plenty of fluids.

Any child determined to be sick at school will be sent home. It is important that the nurse's office has current emergency information on file and is aware of any changes in the child's health condition.

PILOT PROGRAM FOR MENTORING FRESHMEN

Eighteen Manchester freshmen are participating in a pilot program this year. These students are working with teacher mentors that support them in their transition from middle school to high school. Students and teachers meet frequently

and collaborate on academic and social concerns. Socials are held every few months for all students and mentors to meet in a fun setting.

FREE TUTORING OFFERED

The National Honor Society is pleased to offer free tutoring in the subjects of mathematics and science on Mondays and Wednesdays in RM 805. Mr. Robert Garcia will supervise peer tutoring after school from 2:40 through 3:15 PM. No appointments are necessary.

If your child needs help in other subjects, a peer-tutoring schedule may be coordinated through Ms. Diane Provost in RM 114.

LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER HAPPENINGS

The library media center (LMC) completed Freshman Orientation. Freshmen English classes were invited to the LMC to view a multimedia presentation about the LMC and to work with partners to complete a scavenger hunt related to the library resources.

Also, the LMC has participated in the recycling program called “Cartridges for Kids” for the past several years. This program is designed to use recycling to benefit a school by earning cash for empty inkjet, laser, fax, and copier cartridges. Funds generated from this program have gone toward the purchase of electronic equipment and audiovisual materials. Any empty cartridges may be sent to school and brought directly to the library media center.

COMMENDED STUDENTS IN THE 2010 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Principal Arthur Adamakos has recently announced that Leland Curtis (’10) and Kaitlin Trisciani (’10) have been named Commended Students in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from the school and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, has been presented to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation have been recognized for their exceptional academic promise.

Although they will not continue in the 2010 competition for National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students are placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Qualifying Test.

MMHS RECEIVES EXXON/MOBIL EDUCATION ALLIANCE GRANT

Recently, MMHS was awarded \$750.00 from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program to support’s the school’s NHJAG program’s transportation budget. Kerry Desfosses of Volume Inc. (Mobil On The Run) on South Willow Street worked with school officials to secure the grant, which is one of 2,400 available to schools across the country served by Exxon or Mobil stations.

The grants were made possible by funding from the ExxonMobil Corporation. The ExxonMobil Educational Alliance pro-

gram is designed to provide Exxon and Mobil retailers with an opportunity to invest in the future of their communities through educational grants to neighborhoods schools. ExxonMobil believes that, as members of the community, local retailers are best qualified to work with local educators to help identify schools and programs most in need of support.

Mobil On The Run met stringent eligibility criteria before applying for and being awarded this grant, including having a commitment to provide a superior buying experience for customers.

PILOT PROGRAM FOR NEW GRADING POLICY FOR 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR IMPLEMENTED

According to State of New Hampshire ED Rule 306.27 , as of the 2008-2009 school year, high school credit can no longer be issued based on seat time or the Carnegie unit alone. Students must now demonstrate their proficiency in every course by meet the minimum obligations regarding course competencies.

Over the last three years, the Manchester School District has developed course competencies for every course offered with the assistance of CACES, the Capital Area Center for Educational Support.

This summer, a district-wide committee of administrators and teachers developed a Grading Philosophy System (GPS) for the high schools to use to ensure uniform grading throughout the district. Prior to the beginning of second quarter, all students should receive an individual GPS document from every teacher that indicates the competencies in each course.

MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Manchester Memorial High School is committed to providing a safe and enriched learning environment in which students can

- work toward the realization of academic and creative potential.
- nurture individual talents and abilities.
- develop respect for themselves and for others.
- become more involved and responsible citizens.

EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT LEARNING

Manchester Memorial High School graduates will have worked toward the realization of academic and creative potential by

- using critical and creative thinking skills.
- incorporating technology as an aid to problem solving.
- demonstrating academic competencies across the curriculum.
- preparing for a successful transition into the workplace or post secondary education.

nurtured individual talents and abilities by

- developing academic, athletic, social, and civic skills.
- cultivating team and leadership skills.
- refining unique talents.

developed respect for themselves and for others by

- accepting responsibility for personal decisions.
- experiencing a wide variety of physical activities for wellness.
- investing in their own education.

become more involved and responsible citizens by

- recognizing the value of individual participation within the community.
- respecting diversity and the rights of others.

“IT IS THE POLICY OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, IN ITS ACTIONS, AND THOSE OF ITS EMPLOYEES, THAT THERE SHALL BE NO DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX, RACE, RELIGION, NATIONALITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, AGE OR HANDICAP, FOR EMPLOYMENT IN, PARTICIPATION IN, OR OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF ANY PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY IN THE MANCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT.”